

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JANUARY 11, 2000

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from adjourned session and by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska, January 11, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bud Jeffries.

A minute of silence was observed for invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Richard Hartman, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Margaret Landis and Lonnie Logan. Tammie Stelk was absent. Also present were Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and news media representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

Lancaster made a motion by consent agenda and Landis seconded to accept the following: Lancaster amended her motion and Landis seconded to also include items #13 and #14 and have the County Clerk read them into the record.

1. accept and place on file the minutes of the December 28 meeting
2. approve Resolution # 2000-0001 for the right of way certificate for Project BRO7040(22)
3. approve Resolution #2000-0002 for the sale of certain real estate for the right-of-way for William Paul Prescott and Warren Lloyd Prescott
4. approve Resolution #2000-0003 for the sale of certain real estate for the right-of-way for William R. Goff
5. approve the quarterly diesel fuel tax claim and authorize the county clerk to pay
6. approve Resolution #2000-0004 for exchange of collateral for Overland National Bank
7. approve Resolution #2000-0005 for exchange of collateral for Bank of Doniphan
8. approve Resolution #2000-0006 for exchange of collateral for Bank of Doniphan
9. accept and place on file the quarterly and fiscal year keno audits
10. Accept the conditional use committee recommendation to set a public hearing for Don Dietmeyer for January 25, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.
11. accept and place on file the office reports from the county clerk, sheriff, emergency management and county court
12. accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's miscellaneous receipts
13. accept and place on file communications
14. designated the official county newspapers for 2000
15. designated banks for the county treasurer's deposits for 2000

Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** County Clerk Marla Conley called for nominations for the 2000 county board chair.

Scott Arnold nominated Lonnie Logan. The County Clerk called for nominations. Bud Jeffries nominated Richard Hartman. The County Clerk called for nominations. Landis made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the nominations. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

The ballots were collected and board assistant Stacey Ruzicka and Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz counted the ballots. Lonnie Logan received two votes and Richard Hartman received four votes. Richard Hartman was elected as the 2000 county board chair. Bud Jeffries congratulated Richard Hartman and Mr. Hartman presented Mr. Jeffries with a plaque of appreciation for his service as the 1999 county board chair.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2000 COUNTY BOARD VICE-CHAIR:** County Clerk Marla Conley called for nominations for the 2000 county board vice-chairman.

Richard Hartman nominated Pamela Lancaster. The County Clerk called for any other nominations.

Lonnie Logan nominated Scott Arnold. The County Clerk called for any other nominations. Landis made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the nominations. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

The ballots were collected and counted. Pamela Lancaster received four votes. Scott Arnold received two votes. Pamela Lancaster is the 2000 county board vice-chair.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSS FOP NEGOTIATIONS & PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO NEGOTIATORS:** Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

9:10 a.m. executive session

Scott Arnold excused himself from the executive session.

10:12 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Landis seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS REQUEST TO AMEND LANDFILL SURCHARGE SCHEDULE:** Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz received a letter from City Attorney Charles Cuypers regarding revisions to the landfill overweight schedule. The City Attorney explained in the letter that he is requesting to eliminate the lowest tier of surcharges and replace it with an annual cash payment to Hall County. The board requested additional information on this matter and it will be addressed again.

**DISCUSS REQUEST TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT DEBT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YWCA:** Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz received a letter from Norwest Investment Services requesting the County Board to issue tax exempt debt of \$500,000.00 for the purchase of real estate, specifically the Outerlimits Fund Center building located on South Locust Street. If the county issues the debt it would be a tax-exempt status. The County would not be liable and the collateral would be the building. This would be similar to the Martin Luther Home. The county would be limited to \$10,000,000.00 per calendar year and Janulewicz stated that if the county would be addressing the construction of a jail they may not want to do this. It was questioned why they requested to go through the County when it is located in the city limits. Lancaster stated that the county would not be ready for a bond issue for the jail this calendar year. The board requested further information on this matter.

**DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS TEAMS FOR CWA (ROAD DEPARTMENT UNION) UFCW (CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT UNION) & HALL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S ORGANIZATION:** The contracts for these unions will expire at the end of this year and Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz requested direction. The public defender's organization would prefer to have an outside representative for the negotiations instead of a representative from the county attorney's office. This will be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Hartman called for public participation and no one responded.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE HEADSTART'S RESPONSE FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Lancaster stated that the board members have received a complete copy of the plan and this will be sent to the Kansas City office along with a letter of commitment. Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the quality improvement plan and forward it to the Kansas City office. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster requested that the board consider setting the length of the term for the county board members for HeadStart to a three-year term. Lancaster made a motion and Landis seconded to make the county board members for HeadStart a three-year term. Discussion was held. Jeffries expressed concern that this would change the whole set-up for the committee assignments and it is up to the chair of the board to make these appointments. The appointments now are only for one year. Arnold stated there are several reasons for this request for HeadStart. It would show some continuity and afford prior experience

and it would show the federal agencies that Hall County has a commitment to HeadStart. Hartman also expressed concerns on appointing board members to longer terms on committees. The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Lancaster, Landis and Logan all voted yes and Hartman and Jeffries voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT BID FROM HOOKER BROS CONSTRUCTION FOR RAILROAD CROSSINGS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS:** The board members received a copy of the letter concerning this project. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the bid from Hooker Bros. Construction and authorize the chair to sign the contracts. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION BY BETTY CURTIS – FINAL REPORT ON HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP 1999:** Betty Curtis with Clean Community Systems presented her report and a video on the hazardous waste collection for 1999. She served 949 households for this collection. She has been contacted by seven more counties that would like to participate in the hazardous waste collections. She has also received information that the disposal fees will increase. She is requesting a letter of support from Hall County for the grant she is applying for and also for \$3,000.00 matching funds. These funds could come from the keno fund. Logan made a motion and Lancaster seconded to write a letter of support for the grant application and to allow up to \$3,000.00 matching funds from keno. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION BUILDING & GROUNDS CARPET PROJECT:** Logan stated that the building and grounds committee met with John Vollmer with Carpet Plus concerning the carpet replacement. The manufacturer stated that they would stand the cost of the labor, moving the equipment and the new carpet. All of the departments in the administration building would like to see the carpet replaced. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the replacement of the new carpet in the administration building, clerk of the district court's office and the road department. The building and grounds department will be responsible for moving the computers and the rest of the moving and electrical work will be covered by Carpet Plus. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

Recessed for a five-minute break.

11:03 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session regarding personnel. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

11:55 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RESCIND THE FOLLOWING MOTION ADOPTED 10/26/99: "TO TABLE THE MATTER TO SELL OR DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY AT CAAP UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 2000 AND TO HAVE PEOPLE SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE USAGE OF THE LAND UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 2000": Landis stated that she received information from Rock Island that they are interested in the bomb lines and more studies will need to be done. The studies would not be completed by February 7, 2000. Landis made a motion and Lancaster seconded to rescind the October 26, 1999 motion regarding the selling or designating of the property at CAAP and to not request proposals for the usage of the land. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS: Arnold – He reported that the CASA office relocation has changed. They will now have space in the Grand Island College Building that was purchased by St. Stephens Church. They received keno funds for the rent and remodeling. They may not need to remodel but may need to purchase some locked file cabinets for storing records. He stated he attended HeadStart but the board had already been updated on this matter.

Landis – She attended an audit committee meeting.

Logan – He attended the building and grounds committee meeting and the audit committee meeting.

Jeffries – He reported that he, Dan Hostler, Jerry Janulewicz attended a meeting on the new South Locust exit in Lincoln. And the first bridge will be started this fall. The grand opening for the project is scheduled for September 2003.

Lancaster – She stated that HeadStart had already been reported on. There was a computer committee meeting and the Y2K project went smoothly. The Sheriff had requested to have voice mail installed and there is money in the budget to install this for the whole county.

Hartman – No report

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Stacey Ruzicka reported that the criminal justice committee meeting for January 18 has been cancelled. She reminded the board of the work-study session with the city on January 18 at 7:00 p.m. She reminded the board members of the property tax administration training in Kearney on January 24, 2000.

NEW BUSINESS: Election commissioner Mary Kay Donohoo and Denise Kruse requested to close their office January 19 and 20 for a training workshop that will be held in Kearney. Lancaster made a motion and Landis seconded to approve the election commissioner to close her office January 19 and 20 for the workshop. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR SCHAFF 4<sup>TH</sup> SUB AND SUNSET ESTATES SUB:  
Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the final plats for Schaff 4<sup>th</sup> Subdivision and Sunset Estates Subdivision and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster Landis and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Stelk absent. Motion carried.

Jeffries stated that of all the phone calls he receives a lot of them are concerns on poor drainage in the various subdivisions. He would like to talk to the new regional planning director concerning this.

Hartman stated that the committee assignments will be approved at the January 25 board meeting.

12:15 p.m. meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be January 25, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER: The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.